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143SPECIAL INFORMATION REPORT

The antiwar demonstration staged in Washington on 24 April was as had been predicted, a highly successful showing produced by the National Peace Action Coalition. Several significant factors were noted in this demonstration that may indicate what may be expected between now and 5 May.

A reliable estimate of the number participating on the 24th is 200,000 persons. Of this number less than 2 per cent were Negro. Approximately 10 per cent were over 30 years of age, and high school age or less numbered between 10-15 per cent. The bulk of those participating ranged in age between 19-27 years. Reliable observers advised that the mass of people participating were "dispirited" with relatively few signs and banners and relatively little conversational chatter. The demeanor of the crowd from beginning to end except for one or two exceptions was oriented toward a peaceful march. There was one group numbering approximately 400 which was vocal and generally disassociated itself from the large flow of marchers. This group calling itself the "Labor Party" was Maoist in general and consisted of a high percentage of Chinese and Koreans.

One factor present this time that had not been in previous demonstrations was the heavy use of alcohol, principally wine. Liquor stores in the downtown area reportedly were doing a high volume of business. A Metropolitan morals police source has advised that heavy wine consumption is often associated with the use of marijuana because the sweetness of wine counteracts the eventual bitter taste of marijuana and at the same time does not adversely affect the "marijuana high."

The rock festival that followed the general demonstration which took place in the Sylvan Theater area of the Washington Monument Grounds drew approximately 15,000 young people. Reportedly marijuana was heavily used during the after-dark hours.

In the judgment of experienced observers, the crowd present in the city on Saturday, 24 April, did not match in spirit or numbers the antiwar demonstration of 1969.

Demonstrations Scheduled Against the Agency, 28 April 1971

The Northern Virginia Mayday Collective has scheduled and announced a planned demonstration against the Agency, Langley Headquarters, on the afternoon of 28 April. As announced both to the Agency and to the Fairfax County Police, the march will begin at the Quaker Meeting House on Virginia Highway 193 (6400 Georgetown Pike) and proceed along 193 to 123, from 123 to the entrance approach to Gate 1 where an antiwar petition will be presented to Agency officials. Press releases have given the inaccurate impression that demonstrators will be allowed inside the Agency compound. The demonstrators will not be permitted to proceed past Gate 1 or inside the Agency fence at any other point.

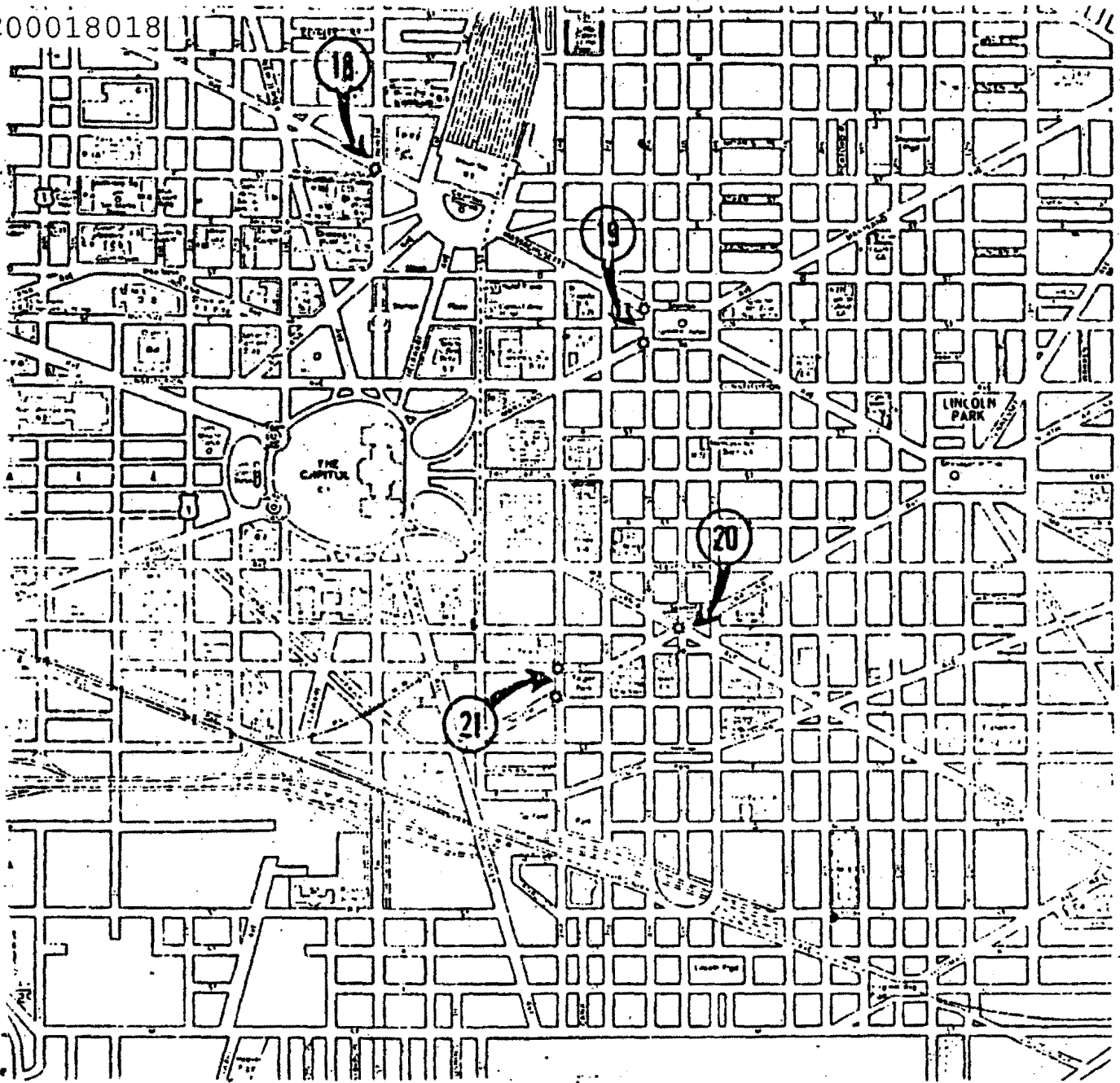
Leaders of the Northern Virginia Mayday Collective have advised that the demonstration will number between 500-1,000 persons. It is not believed, however, based on the appraisal of information currently available that the demonstrators will number more than 50. The Northern Virginia group will not be able to draw from those presently assembled in West Potomac Park because that group has already scheduled Wednesday activities to take place at the Internal Revenue Building in the center of the city. It is not believed that the Agency will be targeted for any other demonstration during the week of 26 April and may escape completely during the week of 3 May.

Planned Disruptions in the Washington Area Scheduled for the Week of 3 May

The attached map published by the Quicksilver Times under authority of the Mayday Collective indicates the 21 targets that have been selected for civil disobedience during the first week in May. The buildings and branches of Government that have been specifically earmarked for disruption are the Pentagon on 3 May, the Justice Department on 4 May and the Capitol Building on 5 May. Although a camping permit in West Potomac Park has been granted to run until 10 May, it is not believed that significant disruptive activities will occur after 5 May. Regardless of the targets listed on the Mayday map as major targets, the consensus of opinion as to which of these will be most vulnerable are as follows: both sides of the 14th Street Bridge (George Mason Memorial Bridge, Rochambeau Memorial Bridge, designated targets 10, 11, and 12), the Mixing Bowl (designated target 8) and both sides of Key Bridge (designated targets 1 and 2).

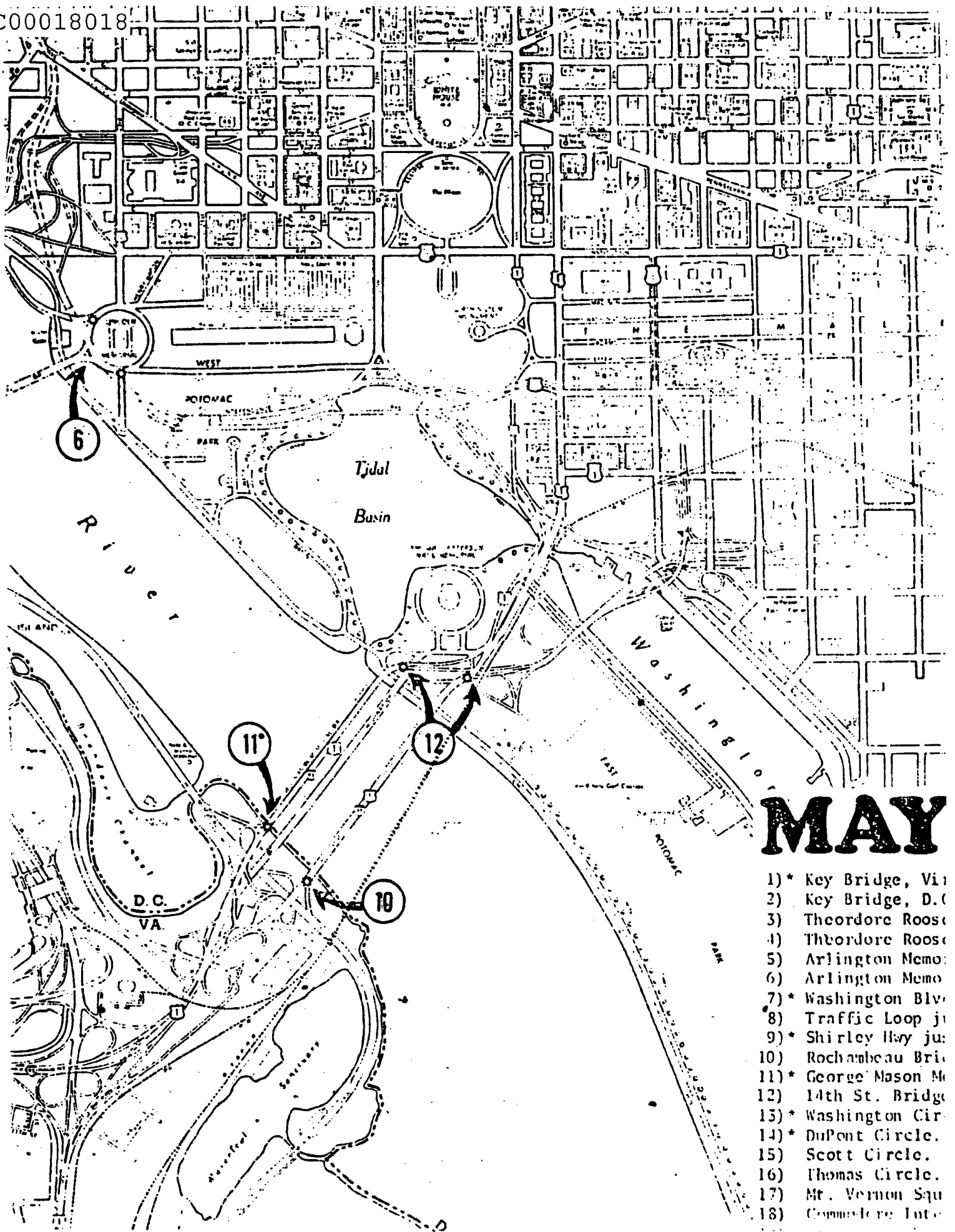
On the night of 25-26 April, 800 protesters camped out in West Potomac Park. This is a much smaller number than had been anticipated, and it is not believed that the numbers will swell to the extent necessary to create a continuing major disruption of the city.

Although there will undoubtedly be some disruption of Federal agencies and highways during the next two-week period, all signs at the moment are optimistic.



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- Bridge, Virginia side. Rosslyn Plaza.
- Bridge, D.C. side. M St., 34th St., 35th St.
- Ordore Roosevelt Bridge, Virginia side. Route 66
- Ordore Roosevelt Bridge, D.C. side. Rock Creek Parkway
- ington Memorial Bridge, Virginia side. Memorial Drive, Arlington Ridge Road (Rt. 110).
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- ington Blvd. Highway 110
- ffic Loop just west of Pentagon. Washington Blvd., Columbia Pike, Shirley Hwy.
- ley Hwy just south of the Pentagon.
- ambeau Bridge, Virginia side. D.C. bound traffic on Routes 95 and 1.
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- St. Bridge Complex, D.C. side.
- ington Circle. K St., Pennsylvania Ave., New Hampshire Ave.
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- 8) Traffic Loop ju
- 9) * Shirley Hwy ju
- 10) Rochambeau Bri
- 11) * George Mason Me
- 12) 14th St. Bridge
- 13) * Washington Cir
- 14) * DuPont Circle.
- 15) Scott Circle.
- 16) Thomas Circle.
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